



METROPOLITAN  
TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter  
101 Eighth Street  
Oakland, CA 94607-4700  
TEL 510.817.5700  
TDD/TTY 510.817.5769  
FAX 510.817.5848  
E-MAIL [info@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:info@mtc.ca.gov)  
WEB [www.mtc.ca.gov](http://www.mtc.ca.gov)

## *Memorandum*

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

DATE: November 16, 2011

FR: Brenda Dix

W. I.

RE: ALA070020 Project Limit Expansion Conformity Confirmation

In September 2011, Task Force representatives from Caltrans, MTC, EPA, and FHWA indicated via email that if a project that has completed its Task Force consultation process and was found to be either exempt or not a project of air quality concern was to change its scope it would not have to reinitiate the project level conformity process as long as all items added in the scope change are exempt from project level conformity. However, the scope changes must be submitted to the Task Force for either email confirmation that the revised scope is exempt or presented as an informational item at the next Task Force meeting. This memo serves to present the scope changes for Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) I-580 Eastbound Express Lanes Project (TIP ID ALA070020) in the cities of Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore, Alameda County, CA.

Alameda CTC initiated project consultation with the Task Force in May 2011. As a result of that consultation, a Qualitative PM2.5 Hot Spot Analysis was prepared for the project. On August 9, 2011, MTC notified Alameda CTC that the interagency consultation requirements of PM2.5 project-level conformity had been completed.

It was recently discovered that two overhead signs and one or more smaller barrier-mounted signs need to be included in the project signage plan and placed outside (west) of the original project limit (Post Mile [PM] 19.1, which is just west of the Hacienda Drive overcrossing). In order to ensure that the signs are included in the project limits, the western limit was shifted by 0.8 mile to PM 19.9, which is just west of the Hopyard Road/Dougherty Road overcrossing.

Alameda CTC has submitted a revision request to update the TIP to reflect this change. Approval is expected in early December 2011.

Alameda CTC believes that the change in project limit does not affect any of the data presented in the PM2.5 Assessment Form or its attachments, or the Qualitative PM2.5 Hot Spot Analysis. The traffic studies fully encompassed the area that is being added to the project limits. The project limit revision does not change any roadway, striping, or operational conditions that were assumed in the traffic studies used for the air quality analysis. The change is only for the installation of additional signing.

Alameda CTC is requesting confirmation that the Task Force has been advised of this project change and that consultation need not be reinitiated. After receipt of this confirmation, public involvement for the I-580 Eastbound Express Lanes Project will be

conducted as required under 40 CFR 93.105(e). The project limit will be updated in the Qualitative PM2.5 Hot Spot Analysis when it is made available as part of the NEPA public review process for the project's IS/EA.

J:\SECTION\PLANNING\AIRQUAL\TSKFORCE\2011\11-30-11\Drafts\Project Conformtiy Confirmation.docx